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LETTER DATED 25 JULY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In response to your Note SCPC/7/91(4-1) of 3 July 1991, I am writing to inform you about the measures undertaken by the United Kingdom to implement Security Council resolution 700 (1991).

Current United Kingdom laws and regulations already meet the obligations and requirements of resolution 687 (1991) as regards the sale, supply, or the promotion or facilitation of the sale or supply of goods to Iraq, including those items specified in paragraph 24 of resolution 687 (1991). The Guidelines adopted by Security Council resolution 700 (1991) fall largely within the scope of existing United Kingdom legislation. This includes the following Orders in Council:

- The Hong Kong (Control of Gold, Securities, Payments and Credits: Kuwait and Republic of Iraq) Order 1990 (6 August 1990);

- The Caribbean Territories (Control of Gold, Securities, Payments and Credits: Kuwait and Republic of Iraq) Order 1990: SI No. 1625 (6 August 1990);

- The Iraq and Kuwait (United Nations Sanctions) Order 1990; SI No. 1651 (8 August 1990);

- The Iraq and Kuwait (United Nations Sanctions) (Dependent Territories) Order 1990: SI No. 1652 (8 August 1990);

- The Export of Goods (Control) (Iraq and Kuwait Sanctions) Order 1990: SI No. 1640 (8 August 1990);

- The Iraq and Kuwait (United Nations Sanctions) (Amendment) Order 1990: SI No. 1768 (29 August 1990);

- The Iraq and Kuwait (United Nations Sanctions) (Bermuda) Order 1990: SI No. 1769 (29 August 1990);

- The Iraq and Kuwait (United Nations Sanctions) (Dependent Territories) (Amendment) Order 1990: SI No. 1770 (29 August 1990);

- The Iraq and Kuwait (United Nations Sanctions) (Channel Islands) Order 1990: SI No. 1771 (29 August 1990);

- The Iraq and Kuwait (United Nations Sanctions) (No. 2) Order 1990 (5 October 1990);

- The Iraq and Kuwait (United Nations Sanctions) (Dependent Territories) (No. 2) Order 1990 (5 October 1990);

- The Iraq and Kuwait (United Nations Sanctions) (Second Amendment) Order 1990: SI No. 2144 (31 October 1990).

Her Majesty's Treasury issued a separate legal direction - the Control of Gold, Securities, Payments and Credits (Republic of Iraq) Directions 1990: SI No. 1616 - on 4 August 1990. The Bank of England issued a notice - Emergency Laws (Re-enactments and Appeals) Act 1964: Iraq - on 7 August 1990.

In addition, the European Community has enacted the following legislation preventing trade by Community members with Iraq:

- EEC regulation 2340/90 extended and amended by EEC regulation 3155/90.

- ECSC decision 90/414.

These regulations and decisions have direct effect in the United Kingdom.

The controls on the sale or supply of technology and personnel or materials referred to in subparagraphs (c) and (d) of paragraph 24 of resolution 687 (1991) will be reinforced by a new Order in Council. This will be self-contained and will fully implement all the requirements of paragraph 24, and the Guidelines adopted by Security Council resolution 700 (1991). A copy of the new Order in Council will be made available to the United Nations when it has been promulgated. The legislation will provide for criminal sanctions in the form of imprisonment or fines. Responsibilities for enforcement of the new legislation will fall largely to the Department of Trade and Industry and Her Majesty's Customs and Excise.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) D. H. A. HANNAY